NORTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
Via Telephone Conference
March 12, 2020
116 West Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699

WELCOME: Ricky Burnett, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:04 am with the quorum being present. He acknowledged and welcomed all Commission Members, Tribal Leaders, Chiefs, State Officials, staff and guests. Due to the Corona Virus, Chairman noted that anyone having a fever should not participate in any public events such as meetings, public gatherings, conference or the Unity Conference as well.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Due to the meeting being held via teleconference, Chairman Burnett announced that there was no working lunch. Commissioner Furnie Lambert made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tony Hayes. Motion carried.

INVOCATION: Rev. Michael Jacobs, Chief, Waccamaw-Siouan, recited the opening prayer. Commission members, community members that were suffering with illnesses and the recent deceased were remembered during the opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was not conducted due to the meeting being held via conference call.

ROLL CALL:

Coharie	Isabell Freeman-Elliott	Present
Coharie	Lenora Locklear	Present
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Helen Cook	Absent
Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Gladys Hunt	Present
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Sam Lambert	Present
Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation	Marvel Welch	Present
Guilford Native American Association	Jennifer Revels-Baxter	Present
Guilford Native American Association	DeVane Burnette, Sr.	Present
Haliwa Saponi	Jeffrey Anstead	Present
Haliwa Saponi	Charles (Pete) Richardson	Present
Lumbee	Larece Hunt	Present
Lumbee	Ricky Burnett	Present
Lumbee	Furnie Lambert	Present
Meherrin	Constance Mitchell	Present
Metrolina Native American Association	Walter D. Baucom	Present
Metrolina Native American Association	Jessie Jacobs	Present

ROLL CALL *(Continued)*

Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation	Tony Hayes	Present
Sappony	Dorothy Yates	Present
Triangle Native American Society	Danny Bell	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Elton R. Jacobs	Present
Waccamaw Siouan	Michael Jacobs	Present

STATE OFFICIALS

President Pro Tem Appointee	Daniel Locklear	Present
Speaker of the House Appointee	Wanda Burns-Ramsey	Present
Department of Administration (DOA), Machelle Sanders, Secretary		
Designee: Betty Marrow-Taylor, Deputy Secretary		Present
Department of Commerce/ ESC, Anthony Copeland, Secretary		Present
Designee: George Sherrill, Chief of Staff		Present
Department of Environment Quality (DEQ), Michael Regan, Secretary		Present
Designee: John Nicholson, Deputy Secretary		Present
Representative: Sheila Holman, NCDEQ		
Department of Health & Human Services, Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary		
Designee: David Locklear, Deputy Director		Present
Department of Labor, Cherie Berry, Commissioner		
Designee: Jennifer Haigwood		Present
Department of Cultural Resources, Advisor, John Mintz - **Non-Voting Member**		Absent

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

NCNAYO	Zianne Richardson - **Non-Voting Member**	Absent
NCNAYO	Brayden N Locklear (Co-Chair) - **Non-Voting Member**	Absent
NC NACOHE	Joshua L Richardson - **Non-Voting Member**	Present

STAFF PRESENT

Gregory Richardson, Executive Director
Daphne Pinto, Administrative Secretary
Kimberly Hammonds, Program Director, Economic Development Program & Supporting Undergraduate Native Students Program
Pamela Brewington, Program Director, Low Income Energy Assistance Program
Steven (Steve) Maynor, Program Director, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
Maria Richardson, Housing Inspector, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program and Field staff, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program
Candace Lowry, Program Director, Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Program
Tenley (Nikki) Locklear, Program Director, Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program
Mara Price-Quinn, Para Legal, State (Tribal) Recognition Program
Melissa Dunston, Grants Writer, Department of Administration

OTHER STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

Rep. Charles Graham, NC General Assembly, District 47, Robeson County
Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice

OTHERS PRESENT: List (Sign-in sheet) is on file with the Commission.

ETHICS STATEMENT: Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director, read the Ethics Statement on behalf of Chairman Burnett. He urged Commission Members to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest that may exist in relation to any business matters before the Commission, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. No conflicts were noted.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 6, 2019, MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of the December 6, 2019 meeting were presented. Commissioner Furnie Lambert made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Revels-Baxter. Motion carried.

MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE AND REFLECTION FOR MRS. PATRICK CLARK:
A moment of silence was observed in memory of late Mrs. Patrick Clark, Former Chairwoman, NC Commission of Indian Affairs, who passed away on February 5, 2020.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Representative Charles Graham, NC House of Representative presented the following:

- Birth Certificate Bill: Identification bill did not pass; it was noted that Rep. Graham is willing to reintroduce the bill and will continue to pursue on behalf of the American Indian community.
- Budget: This fiscal year, the state is working without the budget. At the short session, May 1st, the legislators will discuss the budget. Rep. Graham expressed that he was not sure the budget will be passed.
- Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Budget: It was noted that he will ensure that the ICW funding gets processed.
- Native American Agriculture Fund: Rep. Graham informed that he is a trustee on the Board. He noted that there is a special provision for the American Indian farmers and Tribes.
- Rep. Graham read an excerpt regarding promoting Agricultural Business. Grant recipients who get a tax exempt are as follows: Educational Organizations; Financial Institutions; State and Federal Recognized Tribes. $10 M were allocated to this fund that started last year.
- Next round of applications begins April 2020. $15M are allocated. This is a 20-year program. Approximately $265M will be distributed over next 19 years.
- Rep. Graham encouraged all tribal members to take advantage of this agricultural funding opportunity. He expressed that he would have a booth at the Unity Conference. The Request for Proposal (RFP), a handout will be distributed at the conference.
- Rep. Graham informed the Commission that an email will be sent to Mr. Greg Richardson by April 15, 2020, with a brochure "Trust Agreement" that outlines the process. He requested that this brochure be distributed to the tribal community.

No handout was provided.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION UPDATE/ 2020 US CENSUS: Ms. Betty Marrow-Taylor, Deputy Secretary, NC Department of Administration presented the following:

- 45th Annual NC Indian Unity Conference: Congratulated United Tribes for organizing this large conference.

- 2020 Census: Starts April 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020. It was stated that every household needs to complete this online form. The state wants to ensure that everyone participates and is counted regardless of age, race, etc. She emphasized that the complete count does matter. Approximately $16B is available for the State of North Carolina. Approximately $18K for each citizen. It was noted that there are approximately 2M American Indians in the United States, approx. 1.6% of North Carolina population. She expressed that this means North Carolina can possibly pick up a seat in Congress. Census cards will be mailed out today, March 12, 2020. It was noted that the official kick-off date for Census is April 1, 2020. The 2020 Census can be completed by Internet, at the public library, by phone, or by paper copy (mailed through US postal service).
- Voting: This exercises the "Right to Vote".
- Other Activity: Deputy Secretary Marrow-Taylor provided a list of events scheduled during the month of March 2020, that are hosted by other Division's.

No handout was provided.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS) UPDATE: Mr. Benjamin (Ben) Money, Deputy Secretary for Health Services presented this item on behalf of Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary, NC Department of Health & Human Services. The following was discussed:

- Mr. Money informed the Commission that Dr. Cohen was attending a meeting with the Governor regarding the COVID-19 Task Force.
- Acknowledged and thanked the leadership of United Tribes of NC on the Indian Unity Conference.
- Update on COVID-19 – Global Pandemic, Corona Virus Timeline as follows:
  - Informed that the Governor created the COVID-19 task force in January 2020.
  - Discussed the plan, Governor declared the State of Emergency, March 10, 2020.
  - Update on cases currently in the state of North Carolina, twelve confirmed cases so far.
  - Notified that a multi-agency is being created, along with Mike Sprayberry, NC Emergency Director, to plan to respond to possible scenario's
  - Discussed guidance on preventing the spread of this disease "COVID-19". There is no time – Need to contain and act; prevention methods - isolation and quarantine. There is an urgent need to blunt the impact of the disease. Practice good hygiene (washing hands, cover mouth if cough or sneeze) and it is essential to practice social distancing. Clean surfaces avoid large gathering and non-essential travel.
  - Informed that currently, there is no vaccine available. Test kits are limited.
  - Discussed the COVID-19 symptoms.
  - Discussed high-risk patients/ individuals.
- Disclaimer that Mr. Money is not a physician.
- Referenced updates on COVID-19 and other related resources are available on the following websites:

  https://files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/COVID-19-CommunityEducation.pdf

  https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/EO116-SOE-COVID-19.pdf

No handout was provided.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- Question were asked regarding tribal resources. Everyone was encouraged to stay in touch with their local state emergency system.
- Mr. Greg Richardson informed that the cancellation fee for the NC Indian Unity Conference at the North Raleigh Hilton, was $53, 000 as penalty for cancellation. This cancellation fee remains in effect even though the Governor declared the State of Emergency for North Carolina.
- Mr. Money referred to the PowerPoint slide #16 for Business (see above weblink for PP slide). He noted that the contract signed stipulates certain cancellation clause as well. He indicated this is a rapidly developing situation and United Tribe needs to review how the declaration impacts the contract.
- The PowerPoint presentation is on the DHHS website. The weblinks are referenced above.
- Commission member inquired about the twelve COVID-19 cases currently existing in North Carolina. It was noted that these are in various parts of the state with cluster in Wake County, Durham County, Johnston County and others. These cases are listed on the DHHS website.
- Question was asked regarding Veteran Medical Facilities. It was indicated that Department of Military and Veteran Affairs will facilitate these services. Mr. Money reiterated that COVID Response Team will help facilitate these services.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE UPDATE: Mr. Anthony Copeland, Secretary, NC Department of Commerce Presented the following:

- He advised that COVID-19 is certainly affecting Commerce in North Carolina.
- He gave a brief overview of the Department of Commerce.
- Discussed the economic effect as well, indicated that **the country might go into a recession by the end of this year.** He is following the daily briefings and understanding the seriousness of the situation, how best Department of Commerce could help in the state of North Carolina.
- It was noted that the Department of Transportation is helping with the infrastructure of highways and bridges.
- It was stated that North Carolina is the ninth most populous state.
- Discussed infrastructure in rural areas.
- Discussed the "Broadband" services needs in rural areas.
- Discussed education – Number of students graduating each year; number of students in community colleges; greatly reduced fees for community colleges; students can apply for special grants if they experience financial trouble. It was noted that these students could then complete their college education.
- Revamping NCWorks due to layoffs. This will help with future jobs prospects.
- Discussed Medicaid expansion.

No handout was provided.

DEPARTMENT OF MUSEUM OF HISTORY: Mr. B J Davis, Education Section Chief, NC Department of Museum of History gave a brief overview on Emily Grants vacant position. He noted that since her retirement, Ms. Grant's position has been posted. The posting closed last week. He expressed that they would like for an American Indian to serve on the Indian Heritage Month Planning Committee. Mr. Davis informed the Commission that he will be retiring in June 2020, after thirteen years of service.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Greg Richardson, Executive Director, NC Commission of Indian Affairs, presented this item.

- Highlights from the report were noted
- NC American Indian Fund Scholarship – Quarterly activity statement included in the packet.
- Program Director Reports – Included in the packet.

The Executive Director's Report is attached (**Attachment A**) and is an official part of the minutes.

STATE BUDGET UPDATE: Mr. Bryan Brannon, Chief Fiscal Officer, NC Department of Administration presented the following:

- He gave a brief overview on the finance and budget for DOA and Commission of Indian Affairs
- Referenced Office of State Budget Management (OSBM) to be on the Governor's Budget, re-occurring funds for Tribal State Recognition Program at the beginning of the fiscal year, $125,000. Currently amount of $50,000 left from prior year (previous amount received $250,000).
- Discussed legislative request for a Deputy Director position, with a salary of $84, 000
- Commission members discussed and requested a grant writer position. Mr. Branon noted that DOA currently has a Grant Writer, Melissa Dunston, who assists the Commission of Indian Affairs and Council for Women. Deputy Secretary Marrow-Taylor suggested collaborating/ partnering with other divisions to write a grant.
- Commissioner member expressed a need for funding for Urban Communities.
- Discussed the need for Broadband services in rural areas in the state of North Carolina.
- Discussed federal funding opportunities for the rural areas in the state of North Carolina. It was noted that non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for these grants. The tribes can apply for grants as they are non-profit organizations.
- It was stated that the Governor has a Hometown Strong group. This group has been to Haliwa Saponi, Waccamaw Siouan and Coharie communities and listen and determine the needs of these communities.

No handout was provided.

FLOWER FUND REPORT: Ms. Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Secretary/ Treasurer, presented the following:

- Flower Fund: Balance is $ 1,059.65.
- T-Shirt Orders: Unable to proceed with the T-Shirt order. Commissioner Burns-Ramsey noted that she needed at least twelve orders
- The due date for T-Shirt orders was extended until May 31, 2020.
- Commission members requested that forms be brought to the Unity Conference.

No handout was provided.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chairman Burnett announced that only the action items should be reported by Committee Chairs, during the meeting.
Adhoc Indian Health: No report was noted.
Adhoc Goals: It was noted that the face-to-face meeting is scheduled for April 17, to discuss the long-term goals/ plans.

Adhoc Land Trust: No report was noted.
Culture Resources: No report was noted
Employment and Training: No report was noted
Environment Justice: No report was noted.

NEW ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE PROJECT OVERVIEW: Ms. Stacey Feken, Policy Engagement Manager, Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership, NC Department of Environmental Quality (APNEP, NC DEQ) presented the following:

- The project is related to environmental issues in the Indian communities. To share information between the tribal communities, the agencies and University of North Carolina State.
- Discussed hiring a Program Coordinator through the Commission of Indian Affairs. The contract is for 20-hour per week. The location of work, will be off-site (remotely)
- The Resilience Project is in collaboration with Indian Affairs, EPA (NC State) and NC DEQ To protect rivers and the natural habitat.
- Funding is from Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership, NC Department of Environmental Quality (APNEP, NCDEQ) to Commission of Indian Affairs.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

- A recommendation was made by Chair Anstead, Environment Justice Committee to approve the Environmental Resilience Project.
- Commissioner Furnie Lambert made a motion to approve the Environmental Resilience Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Danny Bell. Motion carried.

The handout related to the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership on the Climate Resilience Planning in Albemarle-Pamlico Region Tribal Communities Report is attached (**Attachment B**) and is an official part of the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)
Indian Child Welfare: This report was moved to later.
Indian Education: Chair Yates presented the following:
NC American Indian Fund Scholarship: Application deadline was March 1, 2020. The Committee received fifty (50) applications. The applications will be reviewed and approved at the June meeting. Letters will be mailed after the June meeting.

SACIE positions:

- Discussed timeline for SACIE applications
- Scheduled two Committee meetings that were unsuccessful, due to lack of quorum.
- Requested names to be submitted for the SACIE appointment.
- Read section of By-Laws regarding requirements for SACIE appointments. The following was noted:
  - Nominations must be submitted to the Board of Education (BOE) in April and then voted at the May BOE meeting. The applicants will be informed by July 1st if they are appointed.
  - Due to the timeline, Chair Yates requested if the Commission would decide or if Chair Yates could decide and proceed. Chairman Burnett confirmed "yes" that Chair Yates would decide and proceed, due to the short timeframe required for the appointment process.
- Read the "Requirement to Appoint" in the By-Law as follows:

- Five (5) American Indian Parent (of students enrolled in K-12 public schools, including Charter Schools); Five (5) American Indian Public-School Educators (K-12). one (1) member shall be Title VI Coordinator or Director.

- Noted that the Education Committee did not receive application for Title VI Coordinator/ Director position that needed to be nominated by any tribe or organization.
- Read the excerpt from the By-Law on the requirement for the Title VI Coordinator/Director position, it states "the Title VI Coordinator/Director must have a current North Carolina Professional Educator License". It was noted that the Education Committee did not have any of the tribes or organization to submit applications.
- Chair Yates asked the following questions:
  - Should the Education Committee submit Educators and not Title VI?
  - If the Committee should post the Title VI vacant position?
  - Or hold the position open and submit in two weeks?
- Chairman Burnett directed Chairwoman Yates to go forward with the applications that the Education Committee received, then post the Title VI position with its requirements.

Chair Yates announced the following:
Parent (3) now serving:

- Alicia Leyva; Coharie
- Kamiyo Lanning; Eastern Band of Cherokee
- Ronda Watkins; Occaneechi Band of Saponi

Educators (3) now serving:

- Connie Locklear Harland; Lumbee Tribe, nominated by Triangle Native American Society
- Reah Jacobs; Waccamaw Siouan
- Will Paul; Sappony

It was noted that the above six (6) were the present SACIE Members and will be continuing their term. They are not up for elections this time.

Chair Yates informed the Commission that the former members that rotated off are as follows:

- Gwendolyn Jones Dodge; Parent; Guilford Native
- Tiffany Pearson; Cumberland County Association of Indian People.
- Connie Locklear; Lumbee
- Angelia Richardson; Haliwa-Saponi; finished 1st term; May serve 2nd term

New Applications Received for Educator Positions:

- Angela Richardson, nominated by Haliwa-Saponi Tribe, Educator in Halifax County, applying for 2nd Term
- Frank Cooper; nominated by Lumbee Tribe; Educator in Hoke County
- Carol Rose "Katie" Edding; nominated by Lumbee Tribe; Educator in Lee County

Chair Yates noted that the Committee has received three educator applications, only two slots are open for the educator positions.

No handout was provided.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:
Educator Positions:

- Chair Yates, noted the current Educator Positions as follows: Received three educator applications: Angela Richardson (Second Term); Frank Cooper (Second Term) and Katie Edding
- Chair Yates recommended that the Commission voted for two educators
- Commissioner Danny Bell recommended Angela Richardson (Educator) and Commissioner Jeff Anstead recommended Frank Cooper (Educator).
- Chair Yates confirmed the recommendation for the two educators as follows: Angela Richardson (Educator; 2nd term) and Frank Cooper (Educator, 2nd Term)
- Commissioner Furnie Lambert made a motion to approve the educator positions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charles Richardson. Motion carried.

Parent Positions:

- Chair Yates, noted that the Committee received two parent applications:
  (1) Melissa Lee, Parent, Wake County, nominated by Triangle Native American Society and
  (2) Rebecca LaClaire, Parent, Metrolina, Native American Association
- Chairman Burnett tabled the recommendation. He noted that there needs to be more discussion.
- Chair Yates asked for clarification, if the discussion would take place today.
- Chairman Burnett expressed that the discussion should take place at the Committee meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)
Indian Housing: No report was noted.
Legislative: Discussed earlier.
Recognition: Chair Hunt noted that the Committee met on February 17, 2020. The Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina petition is now before the Office of Administration Hearing (OAH). Mr. Mark Teague Attorney, Department of Justice, provided a brief overview on the status of the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina Petition. He discussed the following:

- The Commission denied the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina (TNNC) petition for State Recognition as an American Indian tribe at the Sept. 20, 2019, meeting.
- Under the state law, when a petition is denied the petitioner has the right to seek an Administrative Hearing for a contested case petition with the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH).
- The Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina (TNNC) did seek a review with the Commission, last fall. The hearing will be held before the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) at the OAH.
- The petitioner (TNNC) has filed contested case provision with OAH.
  The hearing was to be held on March 25. It was noted, as part of the process each side (the Commission and the petitioner) can ask question of the other party, both parties can request documents. The petitioner did not provide documents or answer all the questions that the Commission had proposed to them in a timely manner. The Commission filed a "Motion to Compel" to ask the OAH to essentially make the petitioner provide the documents and answer questions that the Commission is requesting.
- The Commission of Indian Affairs requested that the deadline to be extended. The Commission's motions were granted last week by Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). All the deadlines have now been moved back.
- The close of discovery is scheduled to April 13, 2020.
- Motions are scheduled to be submitted no later than April 20, 2020.
- The hearing is now scheduled to be held week of May 4, 2020. Mr. Teague expressed that the exact date of the hearing is still not known.

- Deadlines could change depending on the responses the Commission receives form TNNC.
- Mr. Teague thanked the Recognition Team and Commission members for their support. He thanked the Commission staff for documents to provide to the petitioner.

Veterans: Chair Lambert informed that he will not be at the NC Indian Unity Conference. He noted that the plaques were delivered. Mr. Lambert thanked Commissioner Tony Hayes for obtaining funding for the Veteran plaques. He requested the Commission to investigate finding another donor to help with future funding.

INFORMATION

Tribal Announcements from Commission Members: Commission members announced their upcoming events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

Indian Child Welfare: Chair Welch announced that the Indian Child Welfare Gathering is cancelled for April 23, 2020, UNC Asheville, due to COVID-19.

- Commissioner Marvel Welch read a statement. Chair Welch announced her resignation from the Commission of Indian Affairs. Ms. Welch term ends on June 30, 2020. No handout was provided.
- Chairman Burnett thanked Ms. Welch for her dedicated support and hard work during her tenure.
- Commission members present thanked Ms. Welch and expressed gratitude for sharing her knowledge with regards to the Indian Child Welfare Program.
- Mr. Greg Richardson thanked Ms. Marvel for her dedicated commitment and noted that Chair Welch was part of making history for the State of North Carolina in terms of Indian Child Welfare. He expressed that through her dedication and commitment for the Indian Child Welfare Committee, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has become extremely involved in Indian Child Welfare matters. Mr. Richardson expressed that there is acknowledgement on the national level with the National Indian Child Welfare Association. He thanked Ms. Welch for being the Chair of the Indian Child Welfare Committee.

INFORMATION: *This item is not listed on the agenda*

Meherrin Indian Tribe Letter dated March 5, 2020

- Mr. Greg Richardson informed that the Commission had received a letter from the Meherrin Tribe, the letter is addressed to the Waccamaw Siouan Tribe, Coharie Tribe, Sappony Tribe and the Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation. The letter is requesting a proposal to collectively amend the General Statutes Chapter 71A as they apply to our Tribes/ Nations.
- Mr. Greg Richardson expressed concerns with the above-mentioned letter. He noted it could potentially change the legislation in the GS 71A for the North Carolina American Indian State Recognized Tribes. He urged the Commission be careful with regards to any proposals to amend GS 71A.
- Mr. Richardson informed that he responded to Chairman Jonathan Caudill, Meherrin Indian Tribe, asking him if he had contacted the tribes mentioned in the letter. It was noted, no response was received.
- It was indicated that a copy of the letter was submitted to Mr. Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice (DOJ)
- The letter dated March 5, 2020, from the Meherrin Indian Tribe, will be placed on file at the Commission of Indian Affairs.

FUTURE MEETING DATES & EVENTS: The meeting dates were listed on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:
With there being no further items to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting, was made by Commissioner Tony Hayes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Charles Richardson. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2020, Location TBD.

Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Secretary-Treasurer
NC Commission of Indian Affairs
(Sign & Date)

Daphne Pinto, Recording Secretary
(Sign & Date)

These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs on June 5, 2020.

Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Secretary-Treasurer
NC Commission of Indian Affairs
(Sign & Date)

N.C. COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

QUARTERLY MEETING

Telephone Conference Meeting

March 12, 2020

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DRAFT AGENDA

Opening Session	**10:00am – 10:20am**
Welcome, call to order & adopt the Agenda	Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman
Invocation	Rev. Michael Jacobs, Chief, Waccamaw-Siouan Indian Tribe, NCCIA Commission Member
Pledge of Allegiance	Furnie Lambert, Commission Member
Roll Call	Daphne Pinto, Administrative Assistant
Ethics Statement	Greg Richardson, Executive Director
Approval of December 6, 2019, Meeting Minutes	Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman
Moment of Remembrance and Reflection for: Mrs. Patrick Clark, Former Chairwoman NC Commission of Indian Affairs	Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman
Special Presentations	**10:20am – 11:00 am**
Legislative Update	Representative Charles Graham, NC House of Representative
Department of Administration Update/2020 US Census	Betty Marrow-Taylor, Deputy, Secretary, NC Department of Administration
Department of Health & Human Services Update	Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary, NC Department of Health & Human Services
Department of Commerce Update	Anthony Copeland, Secretary, NC Department of Commerce
Executive Director Report	**11:00am –11:30am**
• Highlights from the Report • State Budget Update • Program Director Reports (Copies included in meeting packet)	Greg Richardson, Executive Director Bryan Brannon, Chief Fiscal Officer, NC Department of Administration

Flower Fund Report	Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Secretary/Treasurer
Committee Reports – Action Items Only Please	**11:30 am – Noon**
Adhoc Indian Health	Charles Richardson, Chair
Adhoc Goals	Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Chair

Adhoc Land Trust	Furnie Lambert, Chair
Cultural Resources Indian Heritage Month Update	Jeffrey Anstead, Chair BJ Davis, NC Museum of History
Employment & Training	Wanda Burns-Ramsey, Chair
Working Lunch	**Noon – 12:30pm**
Committee Reports (Continued) – Action Items Only Please	**12:30pm – 1:00pm**
Environmental Justice New Environmental Resilience Project Overview	Jeffrey Anstead, Chair Stacey Feken, Policy Engagement Manager, Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership, NC Department of Environmental Quality (APNEP, NC DEQ)
Indian Child Welfare Indian Child Welfare Gathering, Asheville, NC, April 23, 2020, UNC-Asheville	Marvel Welch, Chair
Indian Education State Advisory Council on Indian Education Appointment	Dorothy Yates, Chair
Indian Housing	Elton Ray Jacobs, Chair Isabelle Freeman Elliott, Vice-Chair
Legislative (2020 Legislative Agenda)	Marvel Welch, Chair
Recognition - Update • Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina • Cherokee People of Hoke and Surrounding Counties • Roanoke-Hatteras Indians of Dare County	Larece Hunt, Chair Mark Teague, Attorney, NC Department of Justice
Veterans • Veterans Recognition NC Indian Unity Conference Banquet	Sam Lambert, Chair
Announcements from Commission Members	**(2 Minutes Only)**
Future Meeting Dates & Events	**Location**
Upcoming Commission Meetings - 2020 • June 5 - Commission Meeting, Location TBD • September 4 - Commission Meeting, Location TBD • December 4 - Commission Meeting, Location TBD	Rev. Ricky Burnett, Chairman

Adjournment	**1:00pm**
• March 12-14, 2020 – 45th Annual NC Indian Unity Conference Convenes – 2:00pm	Hilton North Raleigh/ Midtown Hotel